



Beaver Bank Kinsac News



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Dates To Remember

Between Mon., Sept. 13 & Fri., Sept. 17 – Fire Drill #1 (weather dependant)
Mon., Sept. 20 - Lockdown Drill
Fri., Sept. 24 – Professional Development Day for Staff – **No school for students**
Tues., Sept. 28 – Terry Fox Walk/Run
Wed., Sept. 29 – Hold & Secure Drill
Thurs., Sept. 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day - **No school for students**
Thurs., Oct. 1 – Truth and Reconciliation - Every Child Matters (wear orange)
Thurs., Oct. 21 – Picture Day



We would like to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** to...
all of our families for your ongoing support through our September start-up.
You have all been amazing!



We have lots of new staff at BBK this year and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them all to our Team! Many of you have been introduced to your child's classroom teacher through email and phone. We also have a new vice principal,

**Heather Day. Heather comes to us from Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School in Halifax.
Candra MacKeen has returned to BBK and she is teaching grade 2.**



Truth and Reconciliation Day - Every Child Matters – Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

We need to continue to educate, and to walk in partnership by affirming the survivors, their families and the generational harm caused by residential schools. We can do this if we keep asking ourselves what we can do as Nova Scotians to advance this important work and ensure that the lives, experiences, culture, and language of those in our community are respected, nurtured and treasured. Through the development of deeper knowledge of Nova Scotia’s Mi’kmaq, our treaties, and the ongoing need for Reconciliation, we will move our province and our country to be a better place.

We encourage you to join us, and act towards honouring the truth. What can you do?

- Wear orange as a symbol of awareness. Learn more about residential schools and the [Orange Shirt Day Initiative](#) .
- Read and understand your role in [the 94 Calls to Action](#) in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.
- Learn more in the [Mi’kmaq Holdings Resource Guide](#) from the Nova Scotia Archives.
- Learn about the [Treaties of Peace and Friendship](#), including our treaty rights and responsibilities.

There is so much more for us all to learn. We are all Treaty People.



School Photos

School photos are on Thurs., Oct. 21 (Pre-primary to grade 5) by LifeTouch. Photos will be taken in the gym and LifeTouch will be following all public health guidelines. Don’t forget to wear your big, beautiful smiles!

Employment Opportunities

Lunch Monitors - Beaver Bank Kinsac Elementary School is looking for 1 lunch monitor who is available to work Monday to Friday from 10:55 to 12:55. This would involve supervising students while they eat lunch in the classroom and play outside. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please email Kelly Clarke at kclarke@hrce.ca.



Grade 4 Violin

Did you know that HRCE has a free string program? Your child can learn to play the violin (sorry, beginner cello class is full), taught by qualified HRCE / HRA string teachers. Beginners start in grade 4, and after their first year they can opt to continue each year, all the way to the end of grade 12! Here is a short clip that includes some grade 4 students in concert before Covid: <https://youtu.be/609-53GLyWk>. Registration is open NOW at <http://dacm.hrsb.ns.ca>.



Pay Online!!

HRCE is launching a new system that will allow you to make payments electronically, with the click of a button. You will be able to make all payments safely, securely and quickly through **SchoolCash Online**. Our school will post items relevant to your child. You can make all purchases and payments from your phone, tablet or computer. We would like families to register as soon as possible. To get started, please register for **SchoolCash Online**. It's free and takes less than two minutes.

You will receive an email once items are posted for purchase.

Visit <https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/> and click **Register** to get started.

Need support? Connect with the SchoolCash Online help desk at [schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support](https://hrce.schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support)



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running in all of our classrooms. We have baskets of prepackaged foods and fruit available for students who come with hungry bellies.



Parking Lot Safety

In an effort to maximize student safety, we are asking families who are pulling into our kiss-and-go lane to watch out for people walking and yield to buses.

Safe Arrival

Buses begin arriving in our parking lot at 8:05. Students enter the building and go directly to their classrooms. We recommend that students who are being dropped off arrive between 8:20 and 8:25. The bell will ring at 8:25, we will play O'Canada, share the morning announcements, teachers will complete their attendance and classes will begin. Students arriving after 8:30 will be late and will need to check in at the office before heading to class.

Early Pick-Up or Late Drop Off

If you are picking a student up for an appointment or dropping them off after an appointment, or you are dropping off forgotten items please use the following process:

- Call the office to let us know that you are coming
- Ring the bell to let us know that you are here
- Wait outside for someone to meet you at the door



No Child Without

Parents/Guardians can visit the website <http://www.nochildwithout.ca> to apply for a free medical alert ID bracelet for your child.



Information

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